means for operating on block addresses and pointer data to determine the successive blocks that must be selected for the version being played.

45. (Newly added) A system in accordance with claim 44 wherein each of said data blocks further contains a code identifying whether the block contains data unique to one version, or data common to said at least two versions, and said operating means further operates in accordance with block codes.

46. (Newly added) A system in accordance with claim 45 wherein a lead-in section of said software carrier track may contain type codes for said versions, and further including means for selectively disabling formation of a playback signal from blocks containing data unique to a version having a particular type code.

47. (Newly added) A system in accordance with claim 46 wherein said lead-in section of said software carrier track may contain software for determining how said type codes are to be used, and further including means for reading said software and thereafter using said type codes in accordance therewith.

48. (Newly added) A system in accordance with claim 47 further including means for forming a menu display under control of said software and said type codes, and means for allowing a user to select a version to be played based on displayed menu choices.

49. (Newly added) A system in accordance with claim 46 further including means for forming a menu display of available versions under control of said type codes and said disabling means, and means for allowing a user to select a version to be played based on displayed menu choices.

50. (Newly added) A system in accordance with claim 43 wherein a lead-in section of said software carrier track may contain type codes for said versions, and further including means for selectively disabling formation of a playback signal from blocks containing data unique to a version having a particular type code.

51. (Newly added) A system in accordance with claim 50 further including means for forming a menu display of available versions under control of said type codes and said disabling means, and means for allowing a user to select a version to be played based on displayed menu choices.

52. (Newly added) A system in accordance with claim 43 wherein a lead-in section of said software carrier track may contain codes indicative of the version types as well as software for determining how said codes are to be used, and further

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including means for reading said software and thereafter using said codes in accordance therewith.

53. (Newly added) A system in accordance with claim 52 further including means for forming a menu display under control of said software and said codes, and means for allowing a user to select a version to be played based on displayed menu choices.

54. (Newly added) A method of playing a selected one of at least two versions of the same video program material contained on a software carrier, said software carrier having recorded thereon a single track with three different types of interleaved video data blocks containing respectively (1) video data unique to one of said at least two versions, (2) video data unique to the other of said at least two versions, and (3) video data common to said at least two versions, with said tracks containing at least one data block of each of said three types, comprising the steps of registering which of said versions of the video program is to be played, selecting only the blocks containing video data unique to the version being played and blocks containing video data common to said at least two versions, sequentially reading only the selected video data, and forming a playback signal from the sequentially read video data contained in the selected blocks to the exclusion of the video data in the same track unique to the version which is not being played.

55. (Newly added) A method in accordance with claim 54 wherein each of said video data blocks further contains an address and pointer data identifying the address of the next video data block to be selected for the version being played, and further including the step of operating on block addresses and pointer data to determine the successive video data blocks that must be selected for the version being played to facilitate the sequential reading of the video data.

56. (Newly added) A method in accordance with claim 55 wherein each of said data blocks further contains a code identifying whether the block contains data unique to one version, or data common to said at least two versions, and in said operating step operations are performed in accordance with block codes.

57. (Newly added) A method in accordance with claim 56 wherein a lead-in section of said software carrier track may contain type codes for said versions, and further including the step of selectively disabling formation of a playback signal from blocks containing data unique to a version having a particular type code.

58. (Newly added) A method in accordance with claim 57 wherein said lead-in section of said software carrier track may contain software for determining how said type codes are to be

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